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DIARY NOTES

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1. I spent a good part of the day considering the possibility of vacating East, Central, and South Buildings so that a Counterinsurgency School might^{be} located there. I produced a memorandum to Mr. McCone on this subject which in essence said that it would require twelve to eighteen months and \$1,250,000 to do this; it also recommended that the School be located elsewhere, possibly at the Naval Weapons Plant, Anacostia Naval Station, Bolling Air Force Base or Arlington Towers. According to [REDACTED] the Director was sympathetic to this situation and is sending our memorandum to General Taylor. H

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2. I talked to Pete Scoville and Jim Garrison about the DD/R's requirements for office space and arranged for him to move into Jim Garrison's space which has just been vacated by the Director until we can shake down and decide on a more permanent location ~~on the seventh floor~~ for the DD/R Area and other senior people who cannot be accommodated on the seventh floor. H

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3. I discussed with Emmett Echols and [REDACTED] the military unit to which General Carter should be assigned and instructed Emmett to request the Army to assign him to Headquarters, U. S. Army.

4. I discussed with Shef Edwards the possibility of having a "Red Line" telephone directory. I asked him to give this matter further consideration and to talk to me about it again sometime soon.

5. Shef reported that Pat Coyne had advised him that the Reorganization Committee definitely would recommend to Mr. McCone that all clearances be centralized in the Office of Security. This would mean that the Office of Security would take over all those special clearances such as OXCART, TALENT, etc., rather than have them splintered off in several different places as is the case now. H

6. Mr. Dulles telephoned today in lieu of a meeting with Emmett Echols and me to discuss the possibility of establishing a CIA Alumni Association. He said that he had read our questionnaire and that he was not favorably disposed toward the establishment of such an organization. He felt that if we were going to have a CIA organization we would have to invite all ex-CIA employees to be members and that this might not be a good idea for many reasons. He also was fearful of the attendant publicity for the Agency which the establishment and maintenance of such an organization might bring. He suggested that we might consider expanding the Veterans of the Office of Strategic Services which is already well established and operate under this general umbrella. In this way, we could avoid the publicity which he worries about and at the same time the Veterans of OSS would not be obligated to invite all ex-CIA employees to join; also, we could be very selective and invite only those whom we wanted and who would be friendly and helpful. Mr. Dulles suggested

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that I explore the matter further with Mr. Kirkpatrick who has been very active in the Veterans of the Office of Strategic Services.

7. I directed the auditors to make an unannounced audit of the imprest fund in the Office of the DDCI. While it would appear that they have done just about everything wrong in connection with administering this fund, there appears to be very little, if any, cash shortage.

25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that the Director had asked him to be the new Comptroller. He had touched base with Dick Helms, who heartily endorsed the idea and wanted to clear the matter with me. I told him that I would be delighted to see him take this job and would urge him to do so; however, I also told him that I had some concern about the way in which this was handled as I wanted to avoid hurting Ed Saunders in any way and also to avoid a blow to the morale of the Comptroller people if they thought that either Messrs. Saunders or [REDACTED] were being treated unfairly. John said that he certainly would want this handled properly. In the course of the day I learned that Jack 25X1A9a [REDACTED] and Lyman Kirkpatrick also were aware of this, and fearing that the news would spread via the grapevine, on Saturday, I explained the situation to [REDACTED]. He was very disappointed that he had not been considered and that the selection had been made 25X1A without discussing it with him, Ed, or, for that matter, with me. (I also talked to Dr. Tietjen about Ed Saunders's health and the chances of his ever coming back. He said that he thought it would be quite a long time before Ed could return to duty, if ever. I asked him to call on Ed and see if he couldn't suggest to him in the right way that he advise me of his plan to retire when he has recovered.)

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